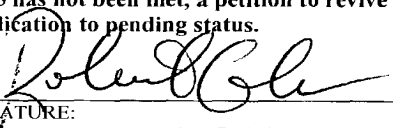


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FORM PTO 1390 (REV 11-2000)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SONYJP-162	
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.55) 10/009076	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP01/02866		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATES 02 April 2001		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 06 April 2000	
TITLE OF INVENTION INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Ryuji Ishiguro, Yoshitomo Osawa, Tateo Oishi, Tomoyuki Asano, and Atsushi Mitsuzawa					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information					
<p>1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4 <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).</p> <p>5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))</p> <p>a <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).</p> <p>a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U S C 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))</p> <p>a <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau)</p> <p>b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <p>9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U S C. 371 (c)(4)). (Unexecuted)</p> <p>10 <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12 <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13 <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment</p> <p>14 <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15 <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification</p> <p>16 <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17 <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18 <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. Copy of face page of International Application as published, Copy of PCT Request (in Japanese), Copy of Letter to WIPO re: Article 19 Amendment, Twenty-Three (23) Sheets of Formal Drawings</p>					

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1040.00					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO . . . \$890.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO . . . \$740.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) . . . \$710.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) . . . \$100.00					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$ 890.00	
Surcharge of \$ _____ for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e))					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	* 33-20 =	13	x 18.00	\$ 234.00	
Independent claims	8-3 =	5	x 84.00	\$ 420.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			+		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,544.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,544.00	
Processing fee of \$ _____ for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)). +					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1,544.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (_____ per property) +					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1,544.00	
*Including additional Article 19 Amendment claims				Amount to be Refunded: \$	
				Charged: \$	
a <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed					
b <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1095 in the amount of \$ 1,544.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 12-1095. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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